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SUBJ: P&E SITE SURVEYS, BRASOV AND CONSTANTA; SEMINAR

1. BRASOV SITE SURVEY COMPLETED MARCH 12. PLANS AND PHOTOS SENT BY MARINE WHO LEFT BUCHAREST FOR MIAMI MARCH 15.
2. LOCATION PROPOSED IN BRASOV BY NCST, WITH APPROVAL OF MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, IS MAIN ENTRANCE FOYER OF NEW UNIVERSITY OF BRASOV BUILDING LOCATED ON KNOLL OF HILL, APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES BY FOOT FROM MAIN BUSINESS CENTER AND ACCESSIBLE TO PUBLIC.
3. PRIOR TO SURVEY, URSINO AND EMBOFF MET WITH UNIVERSITY RECTOR AND OTHER OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO MOUNT EXHIBIT. DURING MEETING RECTOR SAID THE EXHIBIT WAS "VERY APPROPRIATE FOR THIS AREA" BECAUSE UNIVERSITY HAS FACULTIES OF AUTO MECHANICS, BIOLOGY AND FORESTRY. BRASOV IS EXTREMELY PROMINENT INDUSTRIAL CENTER HOUSING BOTH TRUCK AND TRACTOR-PRODUCING FACTORIES.
4. RECTOR ALSO NAMED UNIVERSITY ECONOMIC DIRECTOR AS LIAISON OFFICIAL.
5. URSINO DESIRED TO LOOK AT ONE OTHER SITE AND PAID AN UN-UNCLASSIFIED

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ANNOUNCED VISIT TO THE VICE PRESIDENT OF BRASOV JUDET TO

OBTAIN PERMISSION TO VISIT A GYMNASIUM IN THE TRACTOR AREA. THE VICE PRESIDENT WAS VERY CORDIAL BUT STATED THAT IF UNIVERSITY WAS NOT FEASIBLE DUE TO THE 3.15 METERS CEILING HEIGHT IN BOTH WINGS, HE WOULD TRY TO MAKE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS AFTER WASHINGTON REVIEWS PLANS.

6. NOTE: UNIVERSITY OF BRASOV AS WELL AS THE JUDET AUTHORITIES MOST ANXIOUS HAVE THIS EXHIBIT AT UNIVERSITY AND APPEAR VERY FORTHCOMING. THE ONLY FORESEEABLE PROBLEMS ARE THE CEILING HEIGHTS OF 3.15 METERS AND THE PLACING OF THE FORD PINTO IN THE HALL.

7. CONSTANTA SITE SURVEY COMPLETED ON MARCH 13. URSINO MET WITH VICE PRESIDENT ION TUDOR WHO DELEGATED HIS REPRESENTATIVE TO VISIT THE VARIOUS SITES.

8. LOCATION PROPOSED FOR CONSTANTA SHOWING BY NCST, SPORTS PALACE IN CENTER OF TOWN, UNAVAILABLE, OWING TO HEAVY SCHEDULE OF INTERNATIONAL SPORTING EVENTS IN JUNE. CITY COUNCIL PROPOSED THAT EXHIBIT OCCUPY ENTRANCE FOYER TO SPORTS PALACE AND SECOND FLOOR LOBBY. THIS CONFIGURATION WOULD NECESSITATE EXHIBIT BEING DIVIDED IN TWO PARTS. PROPOSAL WAS REJECTED BY URSINO.

9. ALTERNATIVE SITE PROPOSED IS GYMNASIUM OF TOMIS SPORTS PALACE, LOCATED ON SECONDARY STREET 1.1 MILES FROM CENTER OF TOWN. THIS LOCATION WITHIN EASY WALKING DISTANCE OF DOWNTOWN AREAS WITH REGULAR BUS SERVICE. GYMNASIUM ADEQUATE FOR EXHIBIT ALTHOUGH DIFFICULTIES MIGHT ARISE IN MOVING EQUIPMENT AND CAR FROM STREET INSIDE. URSINO STATED THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO REJECT THE SITE FOR THIS REASON BUT AFTER CONFERRING WITH NCST THEY AGREED ON WIDENING THE DOORS SO THAT THE CAR COULD ENTER, AND AGREED TO GIVE US ADDITIONAL PUBLICITY FOR EXHIBIT IF THIS SITE CHOSEN.

10. POST BELIEVES TOMIS GYMNASIUM ACCEPTABLE WITH THE ABOVE MODIFICATIONS.

11. URSINO DEPARTURE FOR VIENNA DELAYED UNTIL MARCH 20 AS NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNTERPART, NICULESCU, TECHNICAL DIRECTOR, ARRIVING BUCHAREST MARCH 19
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FROM OVERSEAS TRIP. URSINO HAS LETTER TO NCST PREPARED WITH ALL DETAILS TO DISCUSS AT THIS MEETING.

12. URSINO CONFERRED WITH ROMTRANS, MARCH 18, TO OBTAIN ESTIMATES OF TRUCK CHARGES TO HAUL EXHIBIT FROM VIENNA TO BUCHAREST, BUCHAREST TO BRASOV, AND BRASOV TO CONSTANTA, CONSTANTA TO VIENNA, THE LATTER BY TRAIN. ROMTRANS ASSURED PRICE QUOTES MARCH 19.

13. AMERICAN GUIDES' AND SPECIALISTS' HOTEL RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO NCST AS DURING THIS PERIOD ALL HOTEL ROOMS ARE TAKEN WITH THE JOINT ROMANIAN-AMERICAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION MEETING AND THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION CONFERENCE. ADVISE EXACT NUMBER OF PERSONS AND ARRIVAL DATES SOONEST.

14. BROCHURES ARRIVED TODAY FROM RIJEKA. BEING STORED AT EMBASSY.

15. NEW SCHEDULE FOR BRASOV AND CONSTANTA WILL BE CABLED O/A MARCH 19. BUCHAREST VIP AND PRESS OPENING APRIL 17; OPENS TO PUBLIC APRIL 18.

16. FOR ICS/S: SEMINAR DATES PROPOSED STATE 048795 NOT REPEAT NOT ACCEPTABLE, SINCE THEY INCLUDE MAY 1 AND 2, BOTH ROMANIAN NATIONAL HOLIDAYS. NCST PREFERS SEMINAR APRIL 22-26, FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. EACH DAY. SEMINAR TO BE HELD AT EXHIBIT SITE, INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE. REQUEST AGENCY APPROVAL NEW DATES, AND COMPLETE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS AND ARRIVAL DATES, INCLUDING COORDINATOR, ASAP FOR RESERVATION PURPOSES.
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